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IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

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Complete Abstract Books, and can
Furnish Abstracts or Examine
Land Titles on short notice.

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executed with neatness and dispatch.

No. 11 Harper Block, Mexico, Mo.

Mrs. C. H. Wales is home from
Holliday.

Arnold McKee went to St. Louis
last night.

Andrain county has immense
crops of hay this season.

Hamilton Brown lost 800 bushels
of oats by fire last week.

Sam Morris is home from a three
days' business jaunt to St. Louis.

W. W. Settle, who has been ill
for several days, is reported no
better.

Walter Scott leaves to-night for
San Luis Obispo, California, to re-
side.

Weather prophets predict that
we are going to have severe equi-
noctial storms.

Will Butte, who is attending col-
lege in Columbia, spent Sunday
with relatives here.

M. R. K. Biggs, of Farber, has
a mule colt which is pronounced
the best in the State.

G. Clay, Jr., left for Memphis,
Tenn., Saturday night, where he
will go into business.

Miss Lillie Dobyns is prepared
to do all kinds of hair work. Two
blocks east, Monroe street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fikenscher
are home from a delightful sojourn
with Bowling Green relatives.

Two hundred and fifty dollars
reward is offered for information as
to who poisoned the dogs in Mex-
ico last week.

Allerton trotted at Independ-
ence, Iowa, in 2:09 1/4. Robert
Rysdyk trotted in 2:14 1/4. Two
pretty good horses.

Miss Belle Morris is in Fulton
organizing the Daughters of the
Confederacy. She is the guest of
Mrs. J. K. Rieckey.

Prince Medium, owned by Foote
Bros., of this city, carried off first
money in one of the big races at
the Wellville fair.

The Wellville Optic-News issued
a bright daily during the fair,
which was a success. Wellville is
a splendid little town and en-
courages all agricultural interests.

The St. Louis Chronicle says Col.
Bob White, of the Mexico Mo.,
LEDGER, has taken a solemn vow
not to chirp again until the elec-
trical lights are restored to his town.

A. S. Houston has bought the prop-
erty where he now lives, on
East Monroe street, for \$1,500. He
will shortly enlarge his house and
make this residence one of the
prettiest in Mexico.

W. A. Jordan, one of Louisiana's
most prominent merchants, was in
Mexico this week and visited his
fine farm just south of Mexico. Mr.
Jordan ordered the LEDGER to his
address in Louisiana.

There will be a grand union pic-
nic at James Edwards' pasture,
4 1/2 miles northwest of Thompson
Station and 5 miles northeast of
Centuria, on Saturday, October 3.
Everybody is invited.

J. K. Pool, of the Centuria
Courier, will address the Benton
City Farmers and Laborers Union
on Saturday the 26th day of Sep-
tember, 1891, at 7 p. m. The pub-
lic is cordially invited to attend.

When you are in Laddonia visit
Miss Lillie Spencer's millinery and
notion store. And if you are need-
ing any goods in her line she will
sell them as low as the lowest. She
has a full line of fall and winter
goods.

Miss Shirley Belle Fenley will
return home to Kentucky this week
after a most enjoyable visit in
Mexico. Miss Fenley is one of the
most brilliant, accomplished and
fascinating young ladies that ever
visited Mexico.

In the case of John Shoote vs.
City of Mexico, charging defend-
ant with carrying concealed weap-
ons and resisting an officer, the
jury could not agree. The case
was tried before Recorder Riley
this morning. Attorney Bickley for
the city and Hiram Moore for the
defendant.

Mrs. David Ewing, of Pleasant-
ville, Ohio, who is visiting friends
and relatives in Mexico, made the
LEDGER a pleasant call Monday
afternoon.

Ever handled in the City
in all leading brands.

The 500 Bone,
The Common Sense,
Dr. Schilling's Model Form,
C. B. a la Spirit,
Dr. Warner's Four-in-Hand
and Caroline.

Large line of cheap
Corsets at sterling value.

COME AND SEE US.

N. E. Corner Square.

A Bullet in the Brain.

CHAS. GRAHAM, A FARMER AND
STOCK DEALER, DIES BY
HIS OWN HAND.

Financial and Family Troubles Sup-
posed to Have Been the Cause—
Deeply in Debt—Used
a Navy Revolver.

Charlie Graham, a farmer liv-
ing about six miles north of Mex-
ico, shot himself Monday at 8 a. m.
over the right ear with a large
navy pistol, which he had car-
ried during the war. John Lo-
gan, colored, was the only per-
son near when Mr. Graham killed
himself. When Mr. Graham shot
himself he was in the stable lot
just back of the granary. John
Logan was on the other side of the
house. He did not see the act but
heard the report. Logan says
that Mr. Graham had been acting
in a very nervous manner for the
last week or two, and this morn-
ing was looking especially bad.
Logan says that Graham and his
wife did not live happily together
and on one occasion Charley told
him "you have no idea how un-
happy I am at home." Logan
says that just before Charley shot
himself he hallowed to him and
told him to hitch up the team and
they would go out to work and the
next thing he heard was the report
of the revolver. A reporter of the
LEDGER, on visiting Mr. Graham's
residence, found that Mr. Graham
was unconscious but not dead. He
had shot himself over the right
ear and was evidently bleeding to
death and could not possibly re-
cover. He died at 11 o'clock.
Through a mistake the coroner
was sent for instead of a physician
and another party had to be sent
to town to secure medical aid. The
LEDGER man had a talk with Mr.
Graham's daughter, Octavia, who
is 20 years old. She seemed to be
very cheerful and not much fretted
at the sad death of her father and
during her conversation with the
editor of the LEDGER allowed her-
self to be prompted almost alto-
gether by her mother. She said
that her father was in a good hu-
mor and that he had had no words
with her mother in regard to
money matters nor anything else.
She claimed that her father and
mother lived together very happily
in the past. Mrs. Graham, who
is a daughter of the Widow Kear-
ney, said that Charley had appear-
ed very nervous during the last
day or so, and last night told her
that he was still having trouble
about a mower and reaper, which
he had bought years ago and about
which he had a law suit at the
time. She said that she didn't
know anything about Mr. Gra-
ham's business at all; that she
owned the farm and everything on
it, and she was satisfied that Mr.
Graham owed some money but
that was none of her affair. She
said that she lived as happily as
other married people, and that she
had not noticed any change in Mr.
Graham this morning, that at the
breakfast table she had asked him
for some money, that she was going
to town to buy some goods. She
said that he handed her his pocket
book, which contained \$12. He
then went out to the field to work,
but shortly afterwards came back
to the stable, where he shot him-
self. She said that neither her-
self nor daughter were near when
he killed himself, and that only
the colored man was out at the
stable. Mrs. Graham did not ap-
pear to be cut up much about her
husband's death, but seemed to be
anxious to have those present un-
derstand that she and her husband
lived peacefully together. She said
that he must have secured his
revolver early in the morning be-
fore she was up, as he had not
been in the room where he kept it
since that time. As a matter of
fact, Mr. Graham was arrested yes-
terday and charged with obtaining
money under false pretenses from
A. G. Armstrong and others of this
city. Mr. Graham owed a great
deal of money in Mexico, and what
he did with his money is a query
which no one can answer. He bor-
rowed \$500 in April, 1891, from Mr.
A. G. Armstrong and at the same
time he borrowed money from oth-
er parties in this city, giving a
mortgage on cattle which he claim-
ed to own in Monroe county. On
investigation it was found that he
never owned the cattle, and for
this reason he was arrested in Mex-
ico yesterday and gave \$1,000 bond.
Mr. Graham had \$6,000 life insur-

M. BLUM & CO.'S FALL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1891.

We take pleasure in submitting for inspection to the people of Mexico and surrounding country complete lines of

The - Choicest - and - Newest - Goods

TO BE OBTAINED IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MARKETS, CONSISTING OF

BROAD CLOTH, LADIES' CLOTH, BEDFORD CORDS, WHIP CORDS,

Camel's Hair Suitings, German Serges, Henriettas in all the newest Parisian colorings, Priscilla Home Spuns, Wequanock and Groveland Suitings and an elegant assortment of BLACK DRESS GOODS in Cheviots, Jacquards, Reps and Fancy Weaves, Royal Serges, Henriettas and, in fact, everything desirable in Dress Goods, Silks and Velvets can be found in our store. We beg to call attention to our

Large Display of Ladies' Fur Trimmed Jackets in all Styles. QUALITIES AND PRICES TO SUIT EVERYBODY.

Our Staple Goods, Notions, Shoes, Furnishing Goods, Fancy Goods, White Goods and Carpet departments are complete in every respect.

M. BLUM & CO.



Jackets.

TOO MUCH WHISKEY.

Laddonia "Tanglefoot" Does the Work For An Illinois Veterinary.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

LADDONIA, Mo., September 22.—Last Friday about noon the town was startled with the report that a man was found dead in C. Elliott's billiard hall. Dr. Lofton was called in and he pronounced the man dead. The coroner was telegraphed for and the following facts ascertained: The dead man's name was James Petty, he was about 60 years old and that he had been drinking heavily for several days. Thursday night he was not to bed very drunk at Mr. Lippencott's hotel by Wm. Grubb. Friday morning he was apparently sober, and between 8 and 9 o'clock he went to Grubb's. They passed up the street about 10:30 o'clock and went in the billiard hall. About 11:30 o'clock Grubb came out of the billiard hall so drunk he couldn't stand up, though he had been drunk the night before and all Friday morning. About 12 o'clock Mr. Elliott gave the alarm that Petty was dead. The verdict of the jury was, "That he came to his death by hemorrhage of the brain." He had several bruises on his face, supposed to have been made by falling. His son and son-in-law came and his son stated that when he left home he had a watch and about \$30 in his pockets when found dead. It is thought he was gambling on Thursday evening. He was a very dissipated man, and indirectly brought about his own death. He was buried at his home in Illinois.

News came from Martinsburg that Mr. Pat. Gibbons had been killed by the train. He will be buried here to-day.

Elder Corwin and Elder Hill are holding a series of meetings at the Christian Church.

Rev. Hardy, a missionary to Africa, preached here yesterday and will lecture at the hall to-night.

The Editors at Rolla.

During the editorial excursion in Southeast Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McRea, of the Rolla Herald, did all in their power to make the newspaper men have a good time. The editorial party were the guests of the city of Rolla a couple of hours, during which they visited the School of Mines and enjoyed an elegant banquet. Rolla is one of the best towns in the State, especially noted for good looking young ladies, several of whom accompanied the party to Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. McRea placed themselves under lasting obligations to our party. May they live long and prosper and may the Herald continue to be one of the leaders of advanced journalism in the west.

The Death List for Three Days.

Audrain's death calendar for the last three days has been sensational. It reads something like this: Mr. James Petty drops dead at Laddonia.

Mr. Pat. Gibbons is run over and killed instantly near Martinsburg.

Mr. Chas. Graham sends a bullet through his head and only lives a few hours.

Mrs. Johanna White dies at the age of ninety-one years.

W. T. Bradley, Sr., died in Mexico yesterday.

The Youngs Creek Democratic Club had a royal good time at Bryan school house Saturday night. Joe Jesse and J. S. Smidow both made good anti-sub-treasury speeches. R. H. Cauthorn made a strong address in favor of the sub-treasury scheme. J. N. Cross, Secretary of the F. & L. U. of Audrain county, made a short speech in which he opposed the sub-treasury, but spoke in favor of the principles of the F. & L. U. He is in favor of the principles of this organization but is opposed to its going into politics.

"Next."

Dr. Patterson stated Friday that he raised peaches in his yard that weighed one-half pound each. J. D. Tucker came to the front Saturday with several weighing 9 ounces. This morning Dr. Patterson went out into his orchard and says he was perfectly dumfounded to find peaches on his tree that will weigh one pound and are still growing. They are of the "Black Diamond" variety and grow to any size the horticulturist desires them to be.

Dr. Rhodes has rented the office now occupied by Dr. McWilliams over C. R. Gibbs' and will move shortly.

DIED AT 91 YEARS OF AGE.

One of the Oldest Citizens in This Section Passed Away in Mexico Monday Afternoon.

Mrs. Johanna White died in Mexico Monday afternoon at the advanced age of ninety-one years. She has been ill for several weeks, and her death was not a surprise. Her funeral took place this afternoon from the residence of the deceased's daughter, Mrs. M. King, South Mexico. Rev. Rodgers officiated.

Mrs. White was probably the oldest lady in this section of the State, and has been a resident of Missouri since 1820, living in Warren county until 1890, when she moved to Mexico with her daughter, Mrs. King. Deceased leaves only two children to mourn her loss—Mrs. Mary Moore and Mrs. M. King.

A Fine Farm.

Bob Johnson Tuesday bought the Jim Robinson 900 acre farm eight miles north of Mexico at \$20 an acre. This is one of the finest farms in Missouri and Bob paid one-half what the farm is worth. Mr. Johnson is one of Audrain's most successful farmers and stock raisers and we congratulate him on his purchase. The sale was made through the agency of Moore & Howell.

We have received several complaints from the northern part of the county in regard to young men gambling on Sundays, at threshing and other public meetings. Several minors have lost quite large sums of money. Prominent citizens have made up their minds to take hold of this matter and unless it is stopped names will be reported to the Grand Jury. A word to the wise is sufficient.

C. F. Clark arrived home Tuesday from Independence, Ia., where he has been for several days attending the races. Mr. Clark is delighted with the record his stallion, Ryedyk, made on the Independence track, he having driven him a mile in 2:14 1/4. Mr. Clark believes before the season closes Ryedyk can be made to do the act in 2:12, which is very probable.

Several law suits are liable to grow out of the Wade-Ringo imbroglio. Capt. J. C. Buckner here 'Squire Tomlinson has replevined the Ringo folding bed from receiver R. H. Cauthorn. There is strong talk of one or two damage suits being brought in reference to this matter for quite large sums.

Will be in Mexico every Saturday to buy mule colts.

MADDOX & MONTAGUE.

Premiums for Corn.

Mr. B. B. Runkle, of the LEDGER, will give for the best 25 ears of corn, either white or yellow, grown in Audrain this year:

First premium, \$2.50.

Second best, Mexico LEDGER one year.

Third best, Rural World one year.

Corn to be brought to the LEDGER office by November 1st, where each sample will be properly numbered. The award will be made on Tuesday, November 10, by the following committee: Jno. M. Daniel, Geo. W. Newgent and James Carter.

Fall Season at Elm Stock Farm.

The season at Elm Stock Farm will continue through fall, beginning September 1st. The saddle and harness horse, Duluth Chief, \$15 for living colt. Jacks, Sam Jones, Sweet Singer and Grover Cleveland, will serve mares at \$10 living colt.

4-4 W. R. FREEMAN & SON.

LETTER LIST.

MEXICO, Mo., September 22, 1891.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the post-office at Mexico, Mo., for the week ending Sept. 24, 1891, and which, if not called for within two weeks will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

Baker, Jennie. Jaggors Elmer. Johnson Victoria. Brown Fannie E. Lawley E. B. Collins Mrs. N. Leal Lydia. Campbell R. S. 2. Martin Mrs. J. Mills Dr. Morris Mrs. E. C. Dillon Ben T. Martin Joe. Everett Thos. Thompson Martha. Haynes Lucy. Thompson Jas. W. White Albert. Hanks Elmer. Gardner Jimmie. Robinson Dick. Gay George. Robertson Mrs. J. T. Green D. C. Sanfre Mrs. J. Green Cleveland. Stowers M. J. 2. Smith Laura A. Harris Parco. Taylor Reeds. Thompson Martha. Thompson Jas. W. Westerman W. B. White Albert. Willingham Harry. Houston Mrs. S. Worley Chas. JOHN W. BEATTY, P. M.

Mr. Henry Moore, of Jefferson City, was in Mexico Monday, on his way to St. Louis, where he will be married this week to Miss Beatie Gundlinger, of that city, formerly of Jefferson City.

READY FOR WHEAT.

The Wm. Pollock Elevator Ready to Receive Grain at a Small Cost—Conditions.

The Wm. Pollock Milling and Elevator Co. are now prepared to receive wheat in their new elevator for storage on the following conditions: That the wheat be received according to grade, and by paying two cents per bushel for the first month and three-quarters of a cent for the second and for each subsequent month as long as it remains in store. These charges are to cover insurance, shrinkage and handling the wheat and loading cars, if sold for shipment. They also receive wheat in store free of charge and issue time tickets for flour to parties for their own use for the season, flour to be taken out at any time desired to June next, at their option. This subject has been agitated for the past several years and now the farmers of Audrain county and adjoining counties have an opportunity to hold their grain for higher prices at a nominal cost. The charges are lower than those of any of the large elevators in the state. Come and see them before you dispose of your grain.

Wm. POLLOCK MILLING & ELEVATOR COMPANY

25-41

Live Stock Market.

St. Louis, Sept. 22.—There were plenty of cattle in, and of all grades, yet the quality was nothing to brag of, the bulk consisting of Texas cattle of rather inferior quality. The demand for desirable grades, although by no means urgent, still more than fair. Ranchmen and country shippers can rest assured that there is a pretty good demand for decent to prime beefs. Prices.—Fancy steers \$5.80 to \$6.00; choice steers \$5.50 to \$5.75; corn fed steers \$5.00 to \$5.40; choice cows and heifers \$2.40 to \$2.75.

Hogs.—Business continues slow for want of sufficient supplies and good quality. Demand for good hogs very large; all strictly good hogs sold at a range of prices from \$4.90 to \$5.20, while common to fair loads sold at \$4 to \$4.85 and pigs and culls for whatever they would bring. The market closed weak, as advices were unfavorable. The top was \$5.20, but the bulk of the good hogs sold at \$4.90 to \$5.10.

To the Farmers of Audrain County Only.

Here is a chance to show what your farm will produce. I will give \$18 in premiums for ear corn raised from crop of 1891, Audrain county, as follows: \$10 for the best bushel; \$5 for second, and \$3 for third best. This is a better premium than was offered by any State fair. The conditions of contest are as follows: Corn to be delivered at my store between Nov. 2d and 7th, on which day the contest will be decided by competent judges. After premiums are awarded, all the corn will be sold to highest bidder and proceeds given to the poor of Mexico.

J. M. POLLARD.

Quite a Loss by Fire.

The fine barn of Ed Eubanks, who lives near Strother, Monroe county, was burned Thursday afternoon. The loss of the barn and feed will amount to \$1,200 or \$1,500. The insurance was only \$400. A large crib, which had just been completed, was also burned with no insurance. A fine filly owned by Jacob Middleton was also burned, and a good saddle gelding, the property of Eubanks & Marshall, died from the effects of the fire.

Hickory Nuts.

Sam Morris, who buys and sells everything which grows and is made in this country, wants 500,000 bushels of hickory nuts. I will pay the highest market price in cash for hickory nuts in any quantity.

SAM MORRIS.

Just north of Coatsworth's lumber yard, Mexico, Mo. 25-41.

The Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Co., to-day received a letter containing \$5. The letter simply said: "This is to pay for goods taken during 1888 and 1889." If there are any others who took goods during that or any other time, we presume that merchants would be glad to receive remittance.

Rickey & Kent sell goods for cash or produce, and will not be undersold.

A New Repair Shop.

F. M. Greenup has opened up a new repair shop in Mexico up stairs over Trimble's second hand store, where he is prepared to do all kinds of repairing of sewing machines, guns, pistols, locks, keys, old violins, and, in fact, everything. Old sewing machines rebuilt and insured for five years. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction or no pay.

F. M. GREENUP.

Up stairs over Trimble's second hand store, west side South Washington street. 1st fl. in w.

MARTINSBURG MATTERS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

MARTINSBURG, Mo., Sept. 23.—Mr. Patrick Gibbons, who lived a few miles north of town, was horribly mangled by some of the night trains Saturday night between Martinsburg and Wellville. His remains were discovered by track-walkers Sunday morning. They were scattered in small pieces along the bloody track for 200 yards. There is some talk of foul play, as he had gone to Wellville on money matters, but it is generally believed he was unconscious of his death. The withering pieces of human flesh were gathered up and brought to town and were buried in Laddonia Monday.

A little colored child, son of Ben and Ida Soil, died Saturday night from an overdose of concentrated lye. It lived only a day and night after swallowing the deadly poison.

The magic lantern show didn't seem to take so well here Saturday night as it did at Hardin College.

Money! Money! Money!!!

Money saved is money made, and preeminently is this true when it is saved in the Missouri Guarantee Savings and Building Association of Hannibal, Mo. Your money earns a big per cent, and doubles itself in a few years. Your earnings will be absolutely safe, and will earn more money at the same time. The Missouri Guarantee will stand inspection. It improves on acquaintance. It is truly a benefactor to borrower, as well as investor. It is patronized by the most careful and scrutinizing financiers in the country. You are invited to investigate this Association. Call on or address the secretary. The local board of officers and directors at Mexico are J. A. Potts, president; S. P. Emmons, vice president; H. P. Warden, secretary; W. V. Fry, attorney; S. J. Buckner, treasurer; Jno. W. Atchison, Robt. M. White and Ben. C. Johnson.

For pure kettle rendered lard, the best fresh and smoked meats in the city, go to Sannabek's. 6t

Lebanon, Mo.

We had the pleasure last week, while in attendance on the editorial excursion, to visit Lebanon, Mo., the home of Jim Bradshaw and Sam Kellar. Lebanon is noted for its magnetic well, its Gasconade Hotel, its electric lights, water works, electric railway and spirit of enterprise. Lebanon is one of the best towns we ever visited, and is just beginning to grow and be what it should be, inhabited by such a class of people. The editorial party was in Lebanon twenty-four hours and those who were present were royally entertained.

Sannabek's market for sliced ham, dried beef, pickled pork and corn beef. 6t

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Up stairs over Trimble's second hand store, west side South Washington street. 1st fl. in w.

Three little kittens, soiled their mittens.

And didn't know what to do; Till a wise old friend Did recommend